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In re Application of :  
Burnhouse et al. :  
Application No. 09/812,417 : ON PETITION  
Filed: 19 March, 2001 :  
Attorney Docket No. 80398P349 :  
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This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b),<sup>1</sup> filed on 3 January, 2005, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

This application became abandoned on 10 June, 2004, for failure to submit a proper reply to the final Office action mailed on 9

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<sup>1</sup>Effective December 1, 1997, the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b) now provide that where the delay in reply was unintentional, a petition may be filed to revive an abandoned application or a lapsed patent pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b). A grantable petition filed under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b) must be accompanied by:

(1) the required reply, unless previously filed. In a nonprovisional application abandoned for failure to prosecute, the required reply may be met by the filing of a continuing application. In a nonprovisional application filed on or after June 8, 1995, and abandoned for failure to prosecute, the required reply may also be met by the filing of a request for continued examination in compliance with § 1.114. In an application or patent, abandoned or lapsed for failure to pay the issue fee or any portion thereof, the required reply must be the payment of the issue fee or any outstanding balance thereof. In an application abandoned for failure to pay the publication fee, the required reply must include payment of the publication fee.

(2) the petition fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(m);

(3) a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. The Commissioner may require additional information where there is a question whether the delay was unintentional; and

(4) any terminal disclaimer (and fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.20(d)) required pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(c)).

March, 2004, which set a three (3) month shortened statutory period for reply. On 10 May, 2004, petitioners submitted an amendment after final rejection. The amendment did not place the application in *prima facie* condition for allowance, however, and an Advisory Action was mailed on 21 October, 2004. Notice of Abandonment was mailed on 18 November, 2004.

The present petition is accompanied by a Request for Continued Examination and an amendment as the required submission under 37 CFR 1.114.

The application is being referred to Technology Center Art Unit 2173 for further processing.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3231.



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